

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby amends Chapter 62, "State Forest Camping," Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments:

1. Update the definition of "immediate family" to also include spouses, legal guardians, and domestic partners.
2. Limit the number of persons allowed on a campsite to no more than six with two exceptions: (1) designated chaperoned, organized youth group campsites; and (2) families that exceed six persons, are all members of an immediate family, and cannot logically be split to occupy two campsites.
3. Remove the requirement that the occupants of an approved second tent on a campsite must be under the age of 18 and dependent members of the immediate family occupying the basic unit. For example, this amendment will allow individuals such as a husband and wife to sleep in two small separate tents on the same campsite and allow unrelated campers with six or fewer people, such as a school club or friends, to have an approved second tent on a campsite.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on March 10, 2010, as **ARC 8592B**. A public hearing was held on March 30, 2010. No one attended the hearing and no written or oral comments were received. A nonsubstantive amendment has been added to change "rule" to "chapter" in the introductory paragraph of rule 571—62.1(461A).

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 461A.3, 461A.48 and 461A.57.

These amendments will become effective July 7, 2010.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend rule 571—62.1(461A), introductory paragraph, as follows:

**571—62.1(461A) Applicability.** This ~~rule~~ chapter governs camping activity in the following areas:

ITEM 2. Amend rule **571—62.2(461A)**, definition of "Immediate family," as follows:

"*Immediate family*" means spouses, parents or legal guardians, domestic partners, dependent children and grandparents.

ITEM 3. Rescind subrule 62.6(3) and adopt the following new subrule in lieu thereof:

**62.6(3)** No more than six persons shall occupy a campsite except for the following:

- a. Families that exceed six persons may be allowed on one campsite if all members are immediate family and cannot logically be split to occupy two campsites.
- b. Campsites which are designated as chaperoned, organized youth group campsites.

ITEM 4. Adopt the following new subrule 62.6(5):

**62.6(5)** Camping is restricted to one basic unit per site except that a small tent may be placed on a site with the basic unit. The area occupied by the small tent shall be no more than 8 feet by 10 feet and the tent shall hold no more than four people.

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